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Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

Re-Opening of Churches – Part II - Conversation for all Church Leaders

On May 18, there was an initial conversation via Zoom about churches re-opening: when it might happen and what it might look like. As things keep changing, we want to continue the conversation, developing safe and best practices. There is also the question about what churches might maintain into the future. We invite all Moderators, Church Leaders, and Clergy to be part of the conversation.

Join us on **Monday, June 1 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central** via Zoom. Register online here.

Meanwhile, click here for a letter by Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Char Burch, with summary insights from our Mat 18th conversation. Other resources, including a suggested Phase-in plan can be located on the Conference website, under COVID-19 resources.

For All Clergy

- **For All Clergy – A hour of Conversations and Prayer**
  Tuesday, May 26: 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central). How might churches re-open and when? What will change? These are the questions that are beginning to emerge. Let's think about this together. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/479440102
- **Live Harp Meditations for Ministers**
  Thursday, May 28: 1:00 p.m. Eastern (12:00 Central)
  20 minutes of meditation with Celtic harp. Silent prayer and reflection following if desired, facilitated by Rev. Jean Norton. (For questions or to sign up for individual Therapeutic Harp Sessions, contact Jean at HeartSongJean@gmail.com.) Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/96976838422

Especially for Specialized Ministers

- Tuesday, May 26: 9:30 a.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m. Central)
  Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/354744689

Looking Ahead: Southeast Conference-Wide Worship Experience on June 20

Let's celebrate our connections on Saturday, June 20! We were scheduled to be at our Annual Meeting in Montgomery, AL that day. Although we moved the Annual Meeting to September 26, we can still celebrate our connections on June 20! We have planned a Conference-Wide Worship Experience with music, reflections, prayers, etc. representing various parts of the Conference. The Service will be shown via FaceBook live. Mark your calendar: Saturday, June 20; 11 am Eastern/10 am Central. See the June 1 Conference Connection for more details.

UCC Cornerstone Fund Pandemic Relief Loan

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